



College Sport Auckland Senior Water Polo Entry & Competition Information 2024

Dates

- Sunday 11 February: Premier Promotion/Relegation at St Cuthbert's College from 5.30pm onwards
- Friday 16 February – Sunday 7 April: Season (all grades)
- **If there are any other dates during the season when your team cannot play, you must advise College Sport Auckland via EnterNOW or email before the entries closing date.** Requests may be accommodated for valid reasons where possible, but teams are expected to be available every Friday and Sunday during the season.

Playing Times

Games will be played on Fridays from 4.30pm onwards and/or Sundays from 12.00pm onwards

Venues

- AUT Millennium Institute
- Diocesan Aquatic Centre
- Epsom Girls Grammar School
- King's College
- Sacred Heart Aquatic Centre
- Sir Owen G. Glenn National Aquatic Centre
- St Cuthbert's Centennial Centre

Grades

- **Premier Boys & Premier Girls:** Teams will play a 7-game round robin, followed by semi-finals and finals. This grade is governed by the College Sport Auckland Premier [Bylaws](#)
- **Senior A Boys & Senior A Girls:** Open entry. Teams may be split into pools, depending on entries
- **Senior B Boys/Mixed, Senior B Girls & Senior C Boys/Mixed:** Open entry. Teams will play approximately 8 games, depending on entries. Mixed gender teams must state they are mixed in EnterNOW. These grades may be zonal, depending on entries
- College Sport Auckland reserves the right to place teams in appropriate grades

Entries

- Teams who are playing 2024 Premier and Senior A Grade (or playing promotion/relegation games) must submit their entries in EnterNOW by 11.59pm on Wednesday 31 January 2024 with team lists due by 3.00pm on Tuesday 6 February 2024
- Entries for all other grades must be submitted in EnterNOW by 11.59pm, Wednesday 7 February 2024

Promotion/relegation 2024 – 2025 qualification

- To be eligible for promotion/relegation, first teams must place within the top 4 of the Senior A grade
- Second teams are not eligible for promotion into the Premier grade
- If a team does not wish to play in the Premier grade the following year, the school must notify College Sport Auckland by the end of the 2024 school year
- Results from the 2024 Premier/Senior A seasons will determine which teams qualify for the 2025 Premier grade and which teams will require to participate in promotion/relegation
- Teams placed 1st – 6th in the 2024 Premier grade will remain in this grade for 2025
- The 8th placed team in the Premier grade will participate in a single promotion/relegation game against the highest placed eligible team in the Senior A grade for 2025
- The 7th placed team in the Premier grade will participate in a single promotion/relegation game against the next highest placed eligible team in the Senior A grade for 2025
- The winner of each promotion/relegation game will be promoted to the Premier grade, the loser of each game will be relegated to Senior A for 2025

Eligibility

- Refer to the College Sport Auckland [Bylaws](#) and Sanctioned Sport Schedule
- Note: The New to School quota (Bylaw 5.2) is two students for Premier Water Polo and a 4-game stand down (Bylaw 5.11). Contact the CSA Sport Relationship Manager for further clarification

Duties

- Teams must check the College Sport Auckland Water Polo Senior [Draws & Results](#) page each week to see whether they are required for table duty
- Team rostered on must supply competent people (supervised by an adult if needed) or appropriate penalties will be applied
- Premier & Senior A games require five people for table duty
- Senior B & Senior C games require three people for table duty

Rules

- This competition will be played under the College Sport Auckland [Bylaws](#)
- Games will be played under the [FINA Water Polo Rules](#) unless otherwise stated
- Games will be seven-a-side with up to 13 players per team per game
- Boys/Mixed grades will use a size 5 ball. Girls' grades will use a size 4 ball
- Premier & Senior A quarters are 5 minutes stop clock with two time-outs permitted per game. Games will run at 50-minute intervals
- Senior B & C quarters are 5 minutes running time with the clock stopping only after a goal or at the referee's request. No time-outs are permitted in Senior B & C games. Games will run at 40-minute intervals
- All team members should be available to present themselves to the referees 15 minutes before the official game start time
- All teams must supply their own playing caps and balls, and warm up with their caps on. If swim caps are worn, they must be of similar colour to water polo caps. Teams with custom caps may use these in any game provided they contrast with the opposition. The referee may decide that a team must change their caps if there is no contrast
- White caps start on the left side of the table duty, seen from table duty
- All players must wear regulation swimwear and ensure their nails are cut

Results

- Schools are responsible for entering and/or checking their results in SportsRunner. Corrections to results must be submitted in writing to College Sport Auckland at least four working days prior to the scheduled dates for crossovers, playoffs, or finals.
- Points will be awarded as:
 - win = 2 points
 - draw = 1 points
 - loss = 0 points
 - win by default = 2 points (5-0 score)
 - lose by default = -2 points (0-5 score)
- If teams shall have equal points at the end of a round robin, further classification shall be established as per FINA Bylaw 9.8.3.
- Should the scores be level at full time in any game for which a definite result is required, there shall be a penalty shoot out to determine the result as per FINA Water Polo Rule 12.3.

Brutality & Misconduct

- Players ejected on brutality will be automatically suspended for their next College Sport Auckland game.
- Coaches and officials excluded on a red card will face an automatic one game suspension to be served at their team's next College Sport Auckland game.
- Players ejected for misconduct/disrespect may face further suspension.
- Repeat offences of brutality and/or misconduct may result in an increased suspension over and above the minimum suspension.
- Coaches, officials, or players excluded under brutality and/or misconduct may at any stage have their behaviour considered by a judiciary committee and further penalties may apply.